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WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS--A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES! TAILS' PRIVATE RETREAT ON COCOA ISLAND IS UNDER ATTACK BY THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA!

TROUBLE IN PARADISE

PART TWO: "THE HONEYMOON'S OVER"

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THAT'S RIGHT, FREAK, CRAWL. CRAWL ON THE GROUND WHERE YOU BELONG!

SPEEDY BATTLEKUKKU XVI

FIRST A WHOLE ARMY, NOW THIS GUY...

MILES "TAILS" PROWER YOUNG GENIUS

YOU GUYS BETTER NOT HAVE HURT MY FRIENDS!

YOUR FRIENDS SHOULD BE CAPTURED BY NOW. YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, FREAK!

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?! ALL WE CAME HERE TO DO WAS RELAX!

SURE YOU DID. I WASN'T HATCHED YESTERDAY. YOU *INVADED* OUR PRIVATE TRAINING GROUNDS, AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL TELL US WHY.

AND YOU MADE IT PERSONAL WITH YOUR *UNNATURAL* FLYING, *FREAK!*

MY... FLYING?

THE SKIES BELONG TO THE BIRDS, AND ALL BIRDS BELONG TO THE ARMADA.

WHAT ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE THAT FLIES? THE BATS, BEES... FLYING SQUIRRELS?

THEY AT LEAST HAVE *SOMETHING* LIKE WINGS!

YEAH, WELL, Y'KNOW WHAT ELSE FLIES?

I DON'T CARE.

T-PUP! NOW!

GYAH!

T-PUP TAILS' ROBOT

GOOD BOY! NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

YIP! YIP!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!

YOU AND YOUR LITTLE DOG-ROBOT-THING TOO!

HA HA HA! SURE WE WILL! BUT ONLY IF YOU CAN KEEP--

--UP?!

:WHINE!:

SMASH

WHOA! CAREFUL, T-PUP! THE UPDRAFT IS CRAZY!

YOU JUST DON'T GIVE UP, DO YOU?

NOBODY OUT-FLIES ME, FREAK!

HOW CAN HE FLY LIKE THAT?! I CAN BARELY KEEP UP! I'VE GOT TO USE THAT CLEAR SPACE UP AHEAD TO...

HA-HA! FINALLY GOT YOU!

OW!

POW!

PANT! PANT!

SORRY, FREAK, BUT OUR LITTLE GAME OF TAG IS...

...OVER?

WHERE ARE YOU?!

SIR, WHAT IS YOUR STATUS? OVER.

BUSY. OVER.

YOU'RE TO REPORT BACK TO BASE, SIR.

I SAID--!

BATTLE LORD'S ORDERS.

GRRR!

≡WHEW!≡ THAT WAS CLOSE!

YIP!

WHAT A NIGHT. ANTOINE AND BUNNIE GET KIDNAPPED ON THEIR HONEYMOON AND I GET ROUGHED UP BY A JERK WITH A STUPID NAME!

IF SONIC WERE HERE HE'D RUSH IN, KICK SOME BUTT AND SAVE THE DAY WITHOUT A THOUGHT!

BUT THAT'S SONIC. I HATE TO DO IT, BUT I'VE GOT TO REST. I CAN'T THINK WITH MY HEAD RINGING LIKE THIS!

WHEN I GET UP, I'LL PUT TOGETHER A PLAN AND SAVE US ALL. T-PUP, KEEP WATCH.

YIP!

THE NEXT MORNING...

RISE AND SHINE, MAGGOTS!

BUNNIE D'COOLETTE THE RABBOT

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE BUNNIE'S HUSBAND

(READY, SUGAR-TWAN?)

(OUI. JUST AS WE PLANNED.)

LET ME GO!

FIENDS! ZAT IS MY WIFE YOU ARE MISHAN-DLING!

ARE YOU CRAZY?! SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP!

OH, MAH STARS! JUST DO AS HE SAYS, SUGAR, AND WAIT FOR ME?

OUI, MA CHERIE. I WILL SEE YOU SOON.

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THE PRISONER YOU WANTED IS HERE, BATTLE LORD!

BATTLE LORD?!

Ah, EXCELLENT! WELCOME, WELCOME! GUARDS, YOU'RE DISMISSED. WE'RE ALL FRIENDS HERE.

BUT OF COURSE! YOU MUST FORGIVE MY MEN. BETWEEN THE DARK AND THEIR OVERZEALOUSNESS, THEY DIDN'T REALIZE WE HAD A REPRESENT-ATIVE OF THE DARK EGG LEGION WITH US!

BATTLEKUKKU XV BATTLE LORD OF THE ARMADA

WE ARE...?

OH, HO, HA HA HA! THEY THINK THAT ME HAVIN' BIONIC LIMBS MEANS I'VE BEEN "LEGIONIZED." THAT I'M ONE OF DR. ROBOTNIK'S FLUNKIES. I CAN *USE* THIS!

WHAT'S TO FORGIVE? THE DOCTOR DOESN'T NET-WORK US VERY WELL AT ALL, DOES HE?

SADLY, HE DOES NOT. I AM BATTLE-KUKKU THE FIFTEENTH, BATTLE LORD OF THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA!

I KNEW IT! HOW DEEP?

AH MARRIED THE MAN YOU HAVE AS YOUR PRISONER JUST TO GET DEEPER INTO THEIR ORGANIZATION!

HAHAHA! BRILLIANT!

HA HA! AH KNOW, RIGHT?

KOMMISSAR BUNNIE D'COOLETTE, DEEP COVER AGENT.

POOR NETWORKING ASIDE, WE ARE ONLY AFFILIATED WITH THE EGGMAN EMPIRE.

NOT BEING PART OF HIS LEGION MEANS NEWS OF OFFICIAL OPERATIONS COMES... SLOWLY.

SNAP!

IT GOES BOTH WAYS, SUGAR. HE NEVER TOLD ME YOU GUYS HAD CONTROL OF THIS REGION.

TSK TSK! MINERAL WATER?

PLEASE!

TRUTH BE TOLD, AH CAIN'T SAY I KNOW MUCH AT ALL ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION. AH'M SURE THE DOC WOULD BE PLEASED TO KNOW Y'ALL GAVE LI'L OL' ME SUPPORT!

BUT OF COURSE!

WE'RE A RATHER SIMPLE AFFAIR, REALLY. WE'RE AN ANCIENT ORDER OF AVIANS ASPIRING TO COMMAND THE SKIES...

...FIND OUR FABLED HOMELAND, AND UNLOCK THE MYSTERIES OF OUR FOREBEARS.

WE WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED BY NOW IF NOT FOR THOSE DISLOYAL **ROGUES.**

=GULP!=

YOU DUN MEAN THE *BABYLON ROGUES?*

THE VERY SAME. VAGRANTS WHO IGNORE THE PROUD BATTLEKUKKU LINEAGE AND THE PROPER LIFE THE ARMADA PROVIDES. HOW DO *YOU* KNOW OF THEM?

Er...ONE OF THE REBELS AH'M INVESTIGATING HAD A RUN-IN WITH 'EM NOT TOO LONG AGO.*

*SEE STH # 163-164.

I SEE. ANY RELATION TO THE TWO-TAILED FREAK THAT ELUDED MY MEN LAST NIGHT?

HE GOT AWAY? GOOD! ...FOR *YOUR* MEN, AH MEAN. FEROCIOUS LI'L FELLAH. CHILD SOLDIER. WEAPONS EXPERT. IT'S LUCKY NOBODY GOT HURT--OR *WORSE!*

REALLY NOW...? HE DIDN'T SEEM THE TYPE.

HE HIDES IT WELL. NOW, LET'S GET BACK TO YOU, BATTLE LORD...

"...AND YO' FASCINATING ARMADA!"

BREET- BREET- BREET! DEET!

MMMMRFF... FIVE MORE MINUTES, MOM?

OH NO! HOW LATE DID I SLEEP?

OW! OW-OW-OW... THAT GUY REALLY PACKS A PUNCH. BUT I FEEL RE-CHARGED AT LEAST.

C'MON, T-PUP! WE NEED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO SAVE ANTOINE AND BUNNIE...

"...STARTING WITH GETTING THE SEA FOX!"

LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE SET A WATCH IN CASE I CAME BACK. PRETTY SMART.

BUT THEY DIDN'T SET ONE FOR MY WORKSHOP. WHICH MEANS THEY'RE EITHER STUPID OR LAZY. EITHER WAY...

"...I WIN!"

GAK! GAS!

KOFF! HACK!

BAM!

ZZZZZZZ...

OKAY, NEXT STEP IS TO INVESTIGATE THAT ISLAND I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE FROM YESTERDAY.* I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN SOMETHING WAS UP FROM THE BEGINNING!

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*SEE LAST ISSUE!

Huh... NO OBVIOUS PORTS.

I KNOW THIS ISLAND HAS TO BE FAKE, BUT IT'S A VERY CONVINCING FAKE!

SO LET'S SEE JUST HOW THOROUGH THEY WERE! DOWN WE GO, BOY!

Huh... THEY WERE REALLY THOROUGH. I CAN'T FIND A SINGLE WAY IN! SONAR SHOWS THAT MIGHT BE AN UNDER-GROUND TUNNEL LEADING TO COCOA ISLAND...

...WHICH I KNOW HAS A PRETTY ROBUST CAVE NETWORK. IT'S NOT THE DIRECT ANSWER I WAS HOPING FOR...

"...BUT I MIGHT BE ON TO SOME-THING HERE!"

AND THEN, I DUNNO, I GUESS I'D USE A BIT OF MARGARINE!

AH, WELL, YOU SEE, ZAT IS ZE PROBLEM RIGHT THERE! EET MUST BE BUTTER!

REALLY? THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE?

A DIFFERENCE? **HA!** ZAT IS LIKE ASKING IF THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ZE WATER IN YOUR GLASS AND ZAT WHICH IS IN ZE COMMODE!

REALLY? LISTEN, I'VE GOT A FRIEND WHO'S REALLY INTO COOKING! HE'D LOVE SOME POINTERS. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

NO HURRY. TAKE YOUR TIME.

NOW--TO FIND BUNNIE, SEE IF SHE HAS GATHERED ZE INTELLIGENCE AS SHE PLANNED, AND ZEN TO GET OUT OF HERE AND FIND TAILS.

EEP!

WHICH SHOULD NOT BE SO HARD, SEEING HOW STUPID ZEY ARE. PEH! CAN-NOT EVEN TELL ZE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MARGARINE AND...

HELLO?

...BUTTER?

YOU ARE NOT ZE COOKING TYPE, NON?

REEET! REEET!

...AND OUR ENTIRE BASE RUNS OFF OF --WHAT THE DEVIL?!

ALERT

OH, NO...

SPEEDY! EXPLAIN YOURSELF!

ONE OF THE PRISONERS FROM LAST NIGHT'S OPERATION HAS ESCAPED! I AM IN PURSUIT!

WHAT A RESOURCEFUL PRISONER! I CAN SEE WHY THE DEEP COVER IS NEEDED!

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AND IT NEEDS MAH PERSONAL TOUCH. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

"...AH NEED TO PERFORM DAMAGE CONTROL!"

THE SENSORS ON THE SEA FOX ARE TOP-OF-THE-LINE! A WHOLE GROUP OF ENEMY SUBS SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SNEAK UP ON ME LIKE THIS!

DO YOU MIND TELLING ME WHAT KIND OF CLOAKING OR DAMPENING TECH YOU GUYS USE...? IT'S GOT TO BE BRILLIANT!

AW, REALLY? WE'VE GOT THIS GREAT INVENTOR GUY, DOCTOR FU... FOO-FOO... ER...

DON'T *TALK* TO HIM, YOU IDIOT! SINK HIM! *SINK HIM!*

HAVE IT YOUR WAY, THEN! IF YOU WON'T TALK, WE'LL FIGHT!

ARGH!

HA HA HA! LET'S SEE SONIC DO THAT!

OH, WHO AM I KIDDING? HE'D DO THIS WITH HIS EYES CLO--OH!

BOOM

AH! NO! I'M SORRY! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

I HOPE THAT WAS THE LAST ONE, BOY! WE NEED TO SURFACE-- FAST!

MON DIEU! HOW AM I ALWAYS GETTING IN-TO THESE MESSIES?!

I AM NEEDING ZE PLACE TO HIDE AND REGROUP AND... AH! ZAT SHOULD DO EET!

EEP!

WHO PUTS A DOOR LIKE ZAT IN A PLACE LIKE ZIS?!?

WAIT... IS ZAT...?

DON'T BE STUPID! SURRENDER AND I'LL GO EASY ON YOU!

YOU WON'T TOUCH HIM! HE'S MINE!

I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE DARK EGG LEGION! I DON'T CARE IF YOU ANSWER TO THE FAT MAN HIMSELF! WHILE YOU'RE ON THIS STATION, YOU ANSWER TO THE ARMADA!

THE BATTLE LORD GAVE ME FULL CLEARANCE TO DO AS AH SEE FIT, SO YOU CAN JUST BUTTON YER BEAK!

DARK EGG LEGION? CLEARANCE FROM ZE "BATTLE LORD"? YOU... YOU ARE WORKING WITH ZEM?

ANTOINE, HONEY... AH DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN. JUST COME WITH ME AND AH PROMISE EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE!

NON. I AM SEEING THINGS CLEARLY, NOW.

SILVER WARNED US OF A TRAITOR IN ZE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.* YOU INSISTED WE "GET AWAY FROM IT ALL."

I FINALLY SEE EET ALL FOR WHAT EET IS.

NO! ANTOINE, AH PROMISE AH'LL EXPLAIN, JUST--!

*STH #196

I DO NOT WANT TO HEAR EET! GOOD-BYE, CRUEL WORLD!

ANTOINEZ! ANTOINE!!!

NO!

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WHAT HAS ANTOINE DONE?!
WHAT CAN BUNNIE DO?!
WHERE IS TAILS IN ALL THIS?!
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